

East Germans Brainwash American to Spy on ICLC

LONDON, Aug. 2 — An American citizen working in West Germany was lured into the German Democratic Republic and subjected to drug-controlled brainwashing to prepare him to spy on the political activities of the European Caucus of Labour Committees, the organization's executive committee revealed today.

The American, Konstantin George, was subjected to ten days of intensive brainwashing at the hands of the GDR Interior

Ministry in East Berlin as a prelude to espionage activities he was to carry out in collaboration with Soviet KGB secret agents in the Cologne area.

George, employed at the Benedict School in Cologne, was approached by Elizabeth Arlt, a West German national studying at the school in February. During a lunch break she approached the victim and offered him an address in East Berlin she said would be helpful should he ever visit that city.

George first visited East Berlin on the weekend of April 7-8, going to the address of Barbara Peper, a 29-year-old psychiatrist employed at the Charity Hospital in East Berlin.

On arrival he was subjected to the first drug treatment in a series which induced him to return periodically to East Berlin for further drug supported brainwashing treatments. After each trip to East Berlin, the victim reported, he suffered

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depression, aggressiveness and loss of sense of time. A personality change was noted in him by those who knew him.

Between early April and the end of June, George was induced to return to East Berlin several times and was each time subjected to drugs and brainwashing. A 30-day visa was obtained for him to permit him to spend the entire month of July in the GDR.

During July, George was subjected to a lengthy program of drug-controlled brainwashing. He reports having undergone at least 10 intensive sessions.

On the fourth day of his brainwashing treatment he recalls being taken to a room in the second floor rear of the Volkspolizei Headquarters near Alexanderplatz. Here his chief interrogator, who identified himself as Berger, presented George to other officials as a new "Mitkämpfer" ("comrade in struggle"). Berger had previously shown George a card identifying himself as an employee of the East German Interior Ministry.

In the same conversation in the Volkspolizei Headquarters, officials told George he was to perform "Schwarzarbeit" ("undercover work") for them after his return to West Germany. His assignment was to collect detailed information and personal biographies concerning members of the International Caucus of Labour Committees in Western Europe. The East German officials told him to pay special attention to materials that might be used to blackmail ICLC members.

While George was in East Berlin, he was taken to the opening ceremonies of the World Youth Festival, where he was given a seat near Erich Honecker and other GDR dignitaries. George remembers his seat being in Block H. During the visit to the World Youth Festival George was escorted by a half dozen agents of the East German secret police, the Staatssicherheitsdienst.

George was instructed to report back to Barbara Peper's address which was to serve as his Interior Ministry contact in East Berlin. The date of his next visit was set for Sept. 14-16.

George's orders were to return to his job at the Benedict School in Cologne and to contact Americans and Germans in order to discuss the superiority of conditions in East Germany. He was further given the assignment of researching a paper on the theme "Opinions on U.S. Policy Towards the Socialist States, including U.S. Economic Relations."

Despite the intensity of his brainwashing treatment, after re-entering West Germany on August 1, George recalled a letter he had received from L. Marcus, National Chairman of the National Caucus of Labor Committees (USA). The letter had urged immediate reports to Marcus of any activities initiated by East European and Soviet secret agents against Labor Committee members in Europe.

The memory of the letter motivated George to immediately contact ICLC members in the West German Rhineland area. After meeting with them, George was able to reconstruct the main features of his ex-

perience.

The victim had been given an elaborate prepared story to account for his activities while in GDR. He had been instructed to vary the story while leaving the main points unchanged. Cross-checking by ICLC members to verify this story, changes in George's personality traits, and the character of the story itself all indicated that he had been brainwashed with the aid of drugs in the GDR.

According to George, the KGB has planned the assassination of L. Marcus and has a program for infiltration and other undercover "Schwarzarbeit" against the ICLC in Europe. George stated that Soviet and East German secret agents have abandoned the defense of the Communist Party of the USA but hope to prevent a comparable upsurge of Labor Committee activities in Europe.

George's enticement to East Berlin and his psychic subjugation to KGB agents were part of the onset of KGB-directed operations against the ICLC in Europe, with the cooperation of the GDR State Security Service in East Berlin.

The International Caucus of Labour Committees is the co-thinker of the National Caucus of Labor Committees in the United States. The recent crushing defeat of the Communist Party of the USA by the NCLC provoked press attacks against that organization by the East German party organ Neues Deutschland and by Unsere Zeit, organ of the West German Communist Party. The NCLC's defeat of the CPUSA has created a furor also among the French, British and Italian Left.